

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/745,897

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Reply to Office Action, filed on 12-October-2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 02/28/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


CHARLES RONES
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to the response to Office Action, filed on 12-October-2004, claims 1-9 are pending in the application, of which, claims 1 and 8 are in independent form.
2. In view of the examiner's amendment, authorized by the Attorney of Record, the abstract of the disclosure is amended by the examiner (details provided below.)

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kevin P. Radigan (Attorney of Record) on 28-February-2005 (see enclosed Interview Summary, paper No. 20050228, for details.)

The abstract of the disclosure has been amended by the examiner as follows. This abstract replaces all prior versions in the Application:

REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

According to the present invention, a computer system with a mechanism for controlling the access rights for data to be used in common by multiple users, which includes: data storage for the storing data in common; an access management table including access management data for controlling access rights for the data in common; and control **[means]** **mechanism** for updating the access management data in response to communication from a user who is authorized to grant access rights. Included in the data in the access management table is information for data to be accessed, identification information for a user who has been granted access rights, access level information and identification information for the user who grants the access rights.

Allowance

4. Claims 1-9 are allowed over the prior art made of record.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant's arguments, presented in the response to Office Action, filed on 12-October-2004, have been fully considered and are deemed persuasive, in that the cited prior art of record does not satisfy the teaching of "the second user is granted access rights to said data pursuant to the automatic updating of said access management data responsive to the transmitting of the communication."

The prior art of record, Bapat et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,236,996), Franco et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,687,745), and Celik (U.S. Patent No. 6,374,259), do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim):

control means for automatically updating said access management data in said access management table, concurrent with and in response to transmitting a communication, in which reference information to said data in common are included, from a first user who is authorized to grant access rights to said data to a second user, wherein the second user is granted access rights to said data pursuant to the automatic updating of said access management data responsive to the transmitting of the communication, as recited in independent claims 1 and 8.

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Claims 2-7 and 9 are allowed over the prior art made of record because they are dependents from the allowed independent claim 1.


Conclusion

6. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Mahmoudi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4078. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 08:00 am to 04:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached at (571) 272-4083.

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